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Princeton Bans Student Role in CIA Activities

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PRINCETON, N. J., May 17.—
A memorandum prohibiting en-
gagement in "covert intelligence

activities" has been distributed
to graduate students at Prince-
ton University's Woodrow Wil-
son School of Public and Inter-
national Affairs, it was learned
Wednesday.

The memo apparently was a
response to recent disclosures
that the Central Intelligence
Agency provided financial back-
ing for such groups as the Na-
tional Student Association.

Dated May 10, the Princeton
memo said "the danger of edu-
cational and research programs
in foreign countries being under-
mined has been well dramatized
in recent months."

"Therefore, no student shall

engage in covert intelligence ac-
tivities while he is enrolled at
the school, including the sum-
mer months between the first
and second year of graduate
study."

There are 80 graduate stu-
dents in the Wilson School,
which trains men for careers
in government and foreign ser-
vice. School officials said 22 of
the students planned to work in

foreign countries this summer.

The May 10 document was de-
scribed as a restatement of a
memo sent to students May 2
to report all recruitment at-
tempts by intelligence agents.
The clause was eliminated from
the May 10 letter.

According to Dr. Richard A.
Lester, director of the graduate
program at the Wilson School,
the memo was designed to en-
able students to be able to say
they are forbidden by their
school from engaging in intel-
ligence activity.

"We want the students to be
treated as students when they
are abroad under our auspices,"
Lester said.